

## King's Children.

### AN ESSAY.

[Read at one of the K. C. meetings at Burns Chapel, by Miss Lizzie Richardson.]

My subject is composed of three words.

The grandest declaration described in the word of God is mother, home and heaven. We know but little of heaven comparatively speaking. We have nothing aside from the Bible to prove that there is such a place as heaven. But it is written on the first leaf of the book, Genesis, that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. We may talk, think and even dream of heaven, but what will it be to be there. Now speaking of mother, we have had a realization of her benefits. From our infantile moments she has cared for us, in our moments of sickness she has comforted us, in our needs she has supplied our wants, in hunger she has fed us. She has been our stronghold in time of trouble, and also in time of fear she has been our refuge. Now why should we not love, obey, and appreciate our mother. In speaking of home we are speaking of something real. All who have a home should love and cherish it. A home is a place of comfort, happiness and enjoyment.

There is a great difference in our earthly homes, we may be so destitute of the necessities of life, that home is hardly a comfort to us, yet we are not lower than the Saviour was, and therefore we should not think ourselves better than he. For it is said in the word of God that he exclaimed at one time that the foxes had holes, and the birds of the air had nests, but the Son of Man had not where to lay his head. Some have beautiful homes on earth, but what are their beautiful homes of this world to the beauties of heaven. For the beauties of heaven are so great that they are untold. Then why should we desire the treasures of this world when the poor have the promises of heaven.

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### FROM GOSHEN, IND.

As I was appointed by the president, Mr. Eugene Gardner, to write for the paper, in the interest of the King's Children Society, I shall say that we organized April 20. Brother I. N. Miller, of South Bend, the pastor of our church at Pleasant View, called the meeting to order, and the county organizer, Miss Metzger, being present, we organized with a membership of thirty, and three more united Sunday evening. We trust that the name of the Master may be honored, and that much may be done in this place, for the cause of Christ. This is my prayer.

H. H. SMITH.

### FROM ALEPPO, PA.

Our King's Children Society is still increasing in numbers, now numbering about 125. Our officers for this quarter are, brother C. L. Grandon, president; brother E. B. Anderson, vice president; sister Kate Jones secretary; Etta Miles, assistant secretary; Nora Weimer, treasurer; Harry Y. Murray, marshal. Our special services Easter evening were excellent, consisting of readings, talks, quotations, music, recitations, and an Easter dialogue by nine girls, which all said equaled or excelled anything they had ever seen. Every congregation in the brotherhood should have a K. C. Society, as it is an auxiliary in S. S. and church work.

J. M. MURRAY.

### FROM BROOKLYN, IOWA.

I was requested to write a letter for the King's Children this week. We have a very good attendance. We have Bible reading and some times a literary entertainment. Brother Gillan is our pastor. We like him very much. The convention is to be held at Brooklyn, and we hope the King's Children will be benefited by it. I will close by asking a question. How many times does the word *and*, occur in the Bible.

MABLE HANN.

### A USELESS BRICK.

A humble brickmason who had confessed Christ and united with his people, rose in a public meeting and stated the reason that prompted him to this step. "I used to think," he said, that I could be as good out of the church as in it. I felt that I was moral and upright, and had as clean a character as the next man; but one day as I was walking by a building that was going up, I happened to see a brick lying in the road. It was a new pressed brick, and nearly as smooth as if it had been polished up. But it was covered with mud, and trampled over and over, lying there useless and neglected. There, said I to myself, are you, Henry Crane, thinking you are as good a brick out of the church as if you were in it. But you are of no account to anybody, and nobody cares anything for you. You are lying around in everybody's road, and nobody cares to step over you; they all tread you down into the mud as if you were a stone. If you were built into the wall, as you ought to be you would amount to something, and have an honest man's place. Then you would be of some use. So I made up my mind that I would not be like that pressed brick any longer. And that is why I have come out on the Lord's side and joined the Lord's people—that I may be built into the wall and have a place in the building of God."

## The Sunday-School.

### PETER AND THE RISEN LORD.

BY THE EDITOR.

On Sunday, one week after his resurrection, probably in the evening, Jesus again appeared to the disciples. This time Thomas was present, and was convinced of the reality of Jesus' resurrection, which he had doubted. The apostles returned to Galilee, and Jesus appeared to some of them while fishing upon the lake. The lesson of to-day is the seventh recorded appearance of our Lord after his resurrection.

### LIFE TEACHINGS.

1. We have here a very beautiful and comforting lesson of how Jesus is interested in all our daily life and toil. He came to these disheartened disciples and told them where to drop the net and their failure was turned into success. Jesus is with us in our every day toil and life. He sympathizes with us in our failures and rejoices with us in our successes. He is an ever present Savior and is with us to bless us in the every day duties of life. He stands watching while we toil. This thought should take all the drudgery out of life.

2. The early breakfast on the shore for the weary fishermen suggests another meeting on the shore by and by. Soon this life with all its weary toil will be over. What a blessed thought, that after all the disappointments, the failures, the sorrows and losses that accompany this life, we shall meet Jesus and feast with him on the shores of immortality.

3. Jesus taught Peter, and all of us, that nothing else can take the place of love for him. Love for Jesus is the first great step in preparation for the work of Christ. Lovest *thou*—not some one else—but lovest *thou me*. *Me*—not my doctrine only, but—*me*, the Savior, *personal* Savior of my soul.

4. In the restoration of the apostle Peter, we may find great encouragement. He had fallen, denied his Master, but the grace and love of God took him back and he became a great preacher in the kingdom of God. Let no one be discouraged because he has fallen from grace; true repentance will bring us back again in favor with God and Christ. We may yet reach great blessing and usefulness.

"If you live in the full sunshine of Christ, and not have Him merely playing upon the surface of your mind but sunk deep down in it, then you will not have lived in vain for by your example, others will be drawn to seek Christ."